

SAYS PHONE BILL IS FAVORED BY WILSON

Congressman Lewis Declares Many Executive Officers Indorse Measure.

HEARING CONCLUDED TODAY

House District Committee Will Next Consider Sheppard Dry Bill.

"Anybody who supposes the President of the United States is not in favor of this bill providing for Government ownership of telephones in the District is in error," said Congressman Lewis to the House District Committee today.

He added that Postmaster General Burleson and other officials who made up the executive branch of the Government also favored his measure.

The hearing on the telephone bill, which has been in progress for three and a half weeks, was concluded with Congressman Lewis' testimony today.

On motion of Congressman Bailey of Pennsylvania the committee today adjourned to meet next Tuesday. Congressman Ragsdale of South Carolina voted against the motion. He said he believed the prohibition bill should be taken up between today and Tuesday.

When Congressman Lewis said the Administration favored his bill he was asked by Congressman Lloyd and

and asked whether or not he was authorized to speak for the President and members of the Cabinet. He replied that he was not so authorized but knew their views with respect to the bill.

Mr. Lewis withdrew Section 7 from his bill. This was the section providing for communication from kitchens to farms at low rates. He said this section called for an experiment, but the bill as a whole provided for a demonstration of a system which had proved successful abroad.

Commenting on the present utilization of telephones in Washington, Mr. Lewis said:

"Among the white people the 17,000 families paying a monthly house rent above \$35, there were 14,000 telephones, or 82% in 1914. Among 15,000 families paying a rent from \$20 to \$35 there were 3,500 telephones, or 23%, while 2,500 families paying \$20 and less per month net 250 phones."

ANNOUNCE G. P. O. CHANCES

Appointments, Transfers, and Resignations Published Today.

Appointments, separations and transfers, effective today, in the Government Printing Office are as follows:

Appointments: Jesse M. Taylor, temporary compositor; Richard S. Underwood and Raymond A. Carroll, temporary messenger boys; William C. Wilton, electrotyping finisher, reinstated; William W. Duncan, George W. Askew and Raymond W. Reynolds, temporary skilled laborers; Otto Van Duyn, Miss Lena Hoffman, Miss Mayme D. Wilson and Miss Marie E. Jordan, probationary skilled laborers.

Separations: Rufus F. Whalen, temporary painter; Edward A. Hartnett, temporary painter; Laird L. Neal, bookbinder; Charles H. Beall, temporary messenger boy, resigned; Paul C. Wrenn, helper, resigned; Miss Dorothy E. Greer and Miss Bessie W. Fuge, temporary skilled laborers; William L. Roulhac, Paul J. McCarthy and Max H. Ellison, skilled laborers, resigned; Walter M. Brooks, Rudolph H. Shepard, Bernard J. Sweeney and Ernest H. Lewis, temporary skilled laborers.

Transfers: Miss Edith S. McTee, temporary skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour, to permanent skilled laborer; Homer J. Lockling, caster helper, 35 cents per hour, to helper, 45 cents per hour; Orpheus B. Williams, elevator conductor, 30 cents per hour, to skilled laborer, 25 cents per hour; Dean Holcomb, linotype operator, 60 cents per hour, to proofreader, 60 cents per hour; George Terwilliger, maker-up, 60 cents per hour, to proofreader, 60 cents per hour; Just A. Paddiford, linotype operator, 60 cents per hour, to proofreader, 60 cents per hour.

MAJOR McDONALD DEAD.

Major John McDonald, former member of the House of Representatives from the Sixth Maryland district and a resident of Montgomery county for more than fifty years, died at his home in Rockville last night, in his eighty-second year, following an illness of several weeks. Major McDonald was prominent in Republican politics, and in 1896 defeated Blair Lee for his seat in the House. Major McDonald was married twice. His first wife died a number of years ago. By this marriage he is survived by five children—Charles G. McDonald, Miss Jacqueline McDonald, Dr. Thomas McDonald, Mrs. George G. Bradley Jr., and Mrs. J. W. Childers. His second wife, who was Miss Mary Holland, of Baltimore, also survives.

YOUTH INJURED BY TRUCK.

Thomas Collins, seven years old, of 1217 Thirty-third street northwest, was slightly injured when knocked down by a delivery auto driven by Jerry Fogel, of 816 H street northeast, in M street, between Thirty-third and Potomac streets, yesterday.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SUBURBS OF THE CAPITAL

Alexandria Man Fined \$50 and Given 30-Day Sentence on Charge of Violating Prohibition Law.

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 1.—A verdict of guilty was returned in corporation court yesterday, in the case of W. W. Simpson, second-hand dealer, indicted for alleged violation of the prohibition law. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Simpson's attorneys, Edmund Burke and Louis N. Duffey, gave notice of an appeal. A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of J. E. McCormick, charged with violation of the prohibition law. A nolle prosequi was entered in the case of R. Grove, also charged with violating the law.

Orenas Beach, indicted for breaking into a storehouse, was sent to jail for three months after entering a plea of guilty.

An informal reception will be given by members of the choir of the Second Presbyterian Church to their organist and director, Robert Bittner, tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Callahan, South Fairfax street.

A large number of Alexandrians purpose making Thursday evening next, February 8, "Alexandria night" at the Gypsy Smith tabernacle in Washington. The Rev. Dr. John E. Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and W. H. Melchior are in charge of the arrangements. Dr. Allison wishes it understood that a cordial invitation is extended to every one, of whatever denomination, to attend the meeting on that evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine E. Hensley was held this afternoon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Tuesday evening, February 20, is the date named for the second annual banquet of the Alexandria Automobile Club. J. A. Eggborn, C. B. Swan, and Harry Hammond, with W. H. Halliwell, president, and G. Washington Lewis, secretary of the club, are the committee in charge.

Albert H. Metzgar, a baker employed by Carl Puchner, died yesterday at his home, at 309 North Pitt street, aged sixty-two. He leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. at his residence.

NEWS AT ROCKVILLE

Montgomery County Anti-Saloon League Plans Dry Campaign.

The Montgomery County Anti-Saloon League at its quarterly meeting in the Methodist Church here, yesterday, authorized the Rev. T. Richards, chairman of the litigation committee of the league, to call a conference of the temperance forces of the county early in the spring to map out a dry campaign. Anti-Saloon Leaguers want the legislature to enact a law prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors into dry sections of the State.

The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution calling on Congressmen David J. Lewis to support the Sheppard-Barkley bill, now before Congress, providing for prohibition for the District.

At a meeting at Travilah, this county, last evening, the Travilah church was organized with twenty-five members and the following officers: Master, Preston L. Snyder; overseer, J. B. Gray, Jr.; lecturer, Mrs. Preston L. Snyder; secretary, Clyde Harris; treasurer, Charles M. Thrift; chaplain, Jesse Walker; steward, M. S. Ward.

NEWS OF HYATTVILLE

Holy Name Society Plans Musical and Literary Entertainment.

A musical and literary program will be given tomorrow night in the Masonic Hall here under auspices of the Holy Name Society of St. Jerome's Catholic Church. The committee in charge is composed of J. B. Waters, chairman; George W. Held, Joseph T. Deckelman, Hugh F. Crawley, George M. McFarland, Frank M. Beall, Charles N. Darnall, Angelo Elmo, William N. Hall, Charles Handy and Stephen J. Kelly. Those on the program include J. P. Jones, Miss Angela Vandoren, Edgar Caesar, Miss Mary Beadle, Theodore Vandoren, Mrs. Matthew P. Halloran, Mrs. John Painter, Frank Mudd, Miss Olga Crandall, Miss Emma Roche, Frederick W. Seyffarth, Charles F. Weston, Miss Alicia Darnall, Miss Minnie Klatsken, Miss Leone Callan, Miss Babe Parker, William Hall, Charles Ervin, J. Aello, J. B. Waters, Miss Clara Roche, Mrs. E. J. Deeds, Miss Mildred Crandall, J. Power Waters, J. B. Waters, Jr., Maurice Fitzgerald, Miss Dorothy Crandall, and Miss Estelle Murray. Dancing will follow from 10 o'clock to midnight.

Funeral services for Mrs. Caroline A. Moore, who died Tuesday at the home of her son, J. B. Moore, in Mt. Rainier,

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MRS. CULLOP RE-ELECTED

Indiana Woman Again Heads National Democratic League.

Mrs. William A. Cullop, of Indiana, was re-elected president of the Woman's National Democratic League, at the concluding session of that organization at Raleigh last night. The league has been in session here for several days, and the convention ended with a reception to Mrs. Cullop and the other new officers.

Last night, in addition to the reception, there were a piano recital by Mme. de Varenne-Stock; violin selection by James Stancell, and Spanish songs by Mrs. Samuel Burleigh Milton.

Other officers elected by the league, and who assisted at receiving last night were:

Miss Matthew T. Scott, first vice president; Mrs. Lenore Sherwood, second vice president; Mrs. Charles J. Linthicum, third vice president; Mrs. Charles Bennett Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. Joseph Kerr Maxwell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Saunders, of New York, field secretary; Mrs. Mary C. Adams, treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Hancock, auditor; Mrs. Theodore H. Tiller, historian, and the following newly elected directors: Mrs. Edward T. Taylor, Mrs. F. B. Moran, Mrs. William Kettner, Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, and Mrs. Edward M. House, of Texas, were also elected directors, but were absent.

The young women assisting were Miss Lucia Maxwell, Miss Margaret Lake, Miss Louise Worster, and Miss Martha Worster.

MAY BUY FIRE TRUCK

Maryland Towns Urged to Better Civic Improvement.

Senator Blair Lee made a vigorous plea for municipal co-operation for fire protection and other civic purposes between the towns of Woodside, Linden, Silver Springs, and Sligo at a mass meeting last night in the Woodside School.

President Fowler, of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, urged the creation of a fire company for the protection of the area in question and affiliation with the State organization.

Preliminary steps looking to the raising of a fund for the purchase of an auto-propelled fire-truck and chemical engine were taken at the close of the meeting.

John McCarthy, a member of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Company, under the auspices of which the meeting was held, spoke.

In his address McCarthy told of the benefits which will be derived from extension of District water mains under the plan now before the Senate subcommittee.

William J. Juvenal, president of the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Company, presided, and Clay Davis was secretary.

Carl H. Roeder, Fire Chief Fred Oden, and Assistant Fire Chief Ernest Sayer are active in behalf of the organization of the new company and the purchase of the automobile truck.

SHOPS ROBBERED.

George Kapasly told the police today that his barber shop, at 300 1/2 Tenth street northwest, was entered last night and a pair of clippers stolen.

Four boxes of chewing gum and three boxes of cigarettes were stolen from the store of Thomas McKenna, 3232 P street northwest.

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JAPS CORROBORATE BARUCH STATEMENT

Embassy Officials Announce Stock Exchange Was Closed December 13.

The Japanese government is the first of the entente allies to demonstrate, by official actions, its belief that the exchange of peace notes has brought the world war nearer to a close.

Japanese embassy officials inferentially pointed this out today, when they confirmed the statement made by Bernard Baruch in his testimony before the House "leak" probers that the Japanese stock exchange was closed December 13, the day after the first German peace proposals were made.

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New York Stock Exchange was closed at the beginning of the war, embassy officials pointed out, but the act of the Japanese government itself, since the government has jurisdiction over the exchange.

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